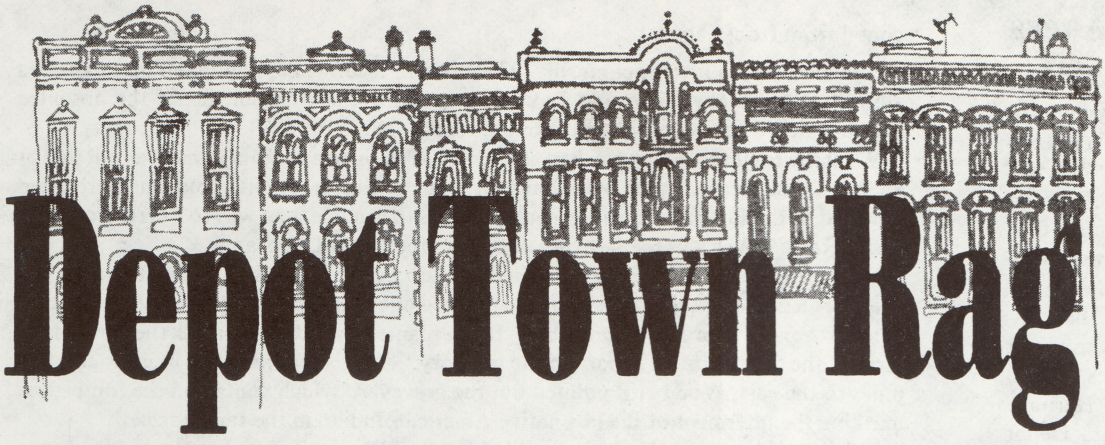

Depot Town Rag

March 1987

For the good of the block -

Foundation
8 p.m., Thursday 3/5
The Old Caboose

Jazz Concert/Dance
7-2, Saturday, 3/4
Freight House

Association
7:30 p.m., Thursday 3/19
The Old Caboose

Antique Engine Club
8 p.m., 3/26
Old Town Restaurant

A PUBLICATION OF THE DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION, INC. The Caboose, 400 Market Place, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198

Final Event in Winter Jazz Series - March 14th

(February' s Valentine Concert was sold out early in the evening and the first late-night dance party continued to 2 a.m. The same procedure will hold forth for the final concert in the series.)

— **Montache** won the Jazz Competition with his intriguing blend of classical and jazz acoustic guitar.

— **The Joe Loduca Quintet** is a most creative guitarist. This band represented Detroit at three European jazz festivals. With special guest trumpeter **Rayse Biggs,** the group will recapture the special magic of their 1986 Montreux/Detroit show, a festival highlight. Fusion, funk, ballads and bebop: This band does it all, with taste and authority.

— **The Robert Penn Blues Revue.** Robert Penn was B.B. King's musical director; he will be bringing his guitar, his roaring vocals, a special horn section and fellow Metro Times poll-winner, **Juanita McCray** to Depot Town for three hard-rocking blues sets. A Depot Town exclusive!

2nd in a series on the Michigan Sesquicentennial themes:
"A Celebration of What Was and Will Be"

DAYLIGHT IN THE SWAMPS!

"Daylight in the swamps," became a popular and profane wake-up call in Michigan's lumber camps. The hearty message was to let the loggers know that there was sufficient illumination on those winter mornings to get into the heavily treed and leafless forest and continue cutting -- until the spring thaws and mosquitoes drove the lumbermen back to the mill towns to await the next frozen cutting season.

"Daylight in the swamps" should not be confused, however, with the expression "A light in the forest." The only light in Michigan's dark virgin timber lands was the dream of the sparkle of gold -- profits to be made from the varied natural resources lying in that swampy, forested land between the lakes. Michigan's history follows the expliotation of furs, copper, timber, land, chemicals, water and human resources for quick profit from the land. Some say all that will be left of these peninsulas will be the daylight -- and even that is debatable.

Sieur Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac said, in his report to the French King's ministers, "This country, so temperate, so fertile, and so beautiful that it may justly be called the earthly paradise of North America, deserves all the care of the King to keep it up to attract inhabitants to it, so that a solid settlement may be formed there which shall not be liable to the usual vicissitudes of the other posts in which only a mere garrison is placed." A lot he knew. Cadillac organized the French *habitants* along the shores of the Detroit River in 1701 and even stretched the King's claims to include land showing on Ypsilanti maps today. It is certainly ironic that he was soon assigned to a remote outpost in Louisiana in 1710, never to be heard of again in Michigan until those swanky finned behemoths rolled off the assembly lines in Detroit bearing his name.

La Salle's 1680 crossing of the lower peninsula from Peoria, Illinois to Portage Lake, the Huron River and Detroit served to identify 'the smile' of prairie land at the base of this densely forested land. Trading of furs was making world-class merchants of the French, and when they finally settled Queen Anne's War with England in 1713, the British, too, figured it was time to invade the new world and make a buck on it. The French, however, were astute enough to buddy up to the natives, mistakenly called Indians, and cajole them into being on their side in the competition which was to follow. The British had no use for the 'savage' and made it clear in their policies.

With the Queen Anne's War, France and England finally found peace between themselves and the English established the Hudson's Bay Colony, starving the French Canadians. The British establishment closest to Depot Town was at Michilimackinac, at the top of the lower peninsula. It was closed in 1712, reopened in 1715.

Rangers followed the earlier route of LaSalle's - down Lake Michigan to the St. Joseph River on the way to Kankakee Illinois - and established an outpost at what is now Niles, Michigan. The broad prairies at the bottom of the forests formed the 'smile' of land

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Heritage Fest Planners Ready for Your Ideas

Set August 21, 22, and 23 on your promotional calendar for this year's Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. Last year drew nearly a quarter of a million people to the district and there a plans for just as big an event for this, the eighth time we've invited the rest of the world to this little old community.

General Chair, Sioux Shelton, had announced that planning sessions convene at the Chamber of Commerce offices at 4:30 every Thursday, from now until Heritage Parade comes down the street into Depot Town. Vice Chair is Ron Miller, with Visitors & Convention Bureau chief Valerie Franklin as staff, past chairs Al Shelton and Sandy Knight aiding the direction, and Joan Helkaa continuing as City liason.

These areas of interest await your attention, suggestions and volunteerism:

Entertainment - *John Delcamp*
- Stage
- Jazz tent,
- Country/western tent

Hospitality/Alliance - *Mary Samar*
- Pre & post parties
- Kick-off
- Visuals, *Laverne Howard*
- Fund-raising
- Sponsors of events

Publicity & Promotion - *Carolyn McKeever*
- Schedule
- Distribution
- Promotions
- Media
- Paid advertising

Special Projects - *Marian Vorce*
- Circus
- Children's Tent
- Parade
- Marbles, Horseshoes
- Great Train Race

History & Preservation -
- Home Tours
- Museum/Historical Society
- Water Tower
- Towner House

Vendors & Organizations - *Diane Kerr*
- Contracted Vendors (food)
- Commercial Artists
- Non-profit organizations

Exhibits - *Sandra Knight*
- Arts & Crafts
- Antique Autos
- Demonstrations
- Living History

Operations - *Jeff Teachout*
- Electricity, Water
- Security, Fire, Medical
- Signs
- Communications
- Traffic & Parking
- Information Booths
- Layout of Festival

Call the Chamber today to make your interests known: **482-4920**

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arching across the lower penninsula. The French, meanwhile, had taken up territories along the Allegheny River and Lake Erie, proving that the policies of the absentee landlord do not do well in maintaining property value.

What the English and French had assumed was an open and empty land was not that at all, but a vast area occupied by Indians for many centuries. English colonists were often repulsed by the Fox Indians as a general policy as they made their way to Fort Detroit and Black Hawk's War was the last Indian fight in the Great Lakes area.

When the Depot Town Antique Engine Club held last fall's steamboat trip on the Maumee River, Captain Les Woodyard pointed out a giant oak atop a hill at the western bend of the river near Napoleon, Ohio. "It was planted by Indians to mark the place of the birth of the first white child born in the territory." As the boat returned to its dock a few miles to the east, Woodyard pointed out the graveyard which contained the tombstone marking the interment of the last native American Indian in the same locale.

Things had begun to change in the Michigan wilderness. Trees were cut and the forest became the enemy. Bruce Catton notes, "Now the towns were going to spring up, and although they too might offer freedom, it would lead inevitably toward the old conformity. . . Yet the profound and subtle lure of the widerness remained to touch the restless dreams of the people in Detroit and their descendants down to the present generations."

In 1755 the Commander of French troops in New France was the Marquis de Montcalm, who wrote to Paris, "Our government is worthless . . . Everybody appears to be in a hurry to make his fortune before the colony is lost." French claims were laid out along many Michigan waterways, much in the style of those narrow strips for the farms of the *habitants* in Detroit. Ypsilanti maps still show the first white man's lines drawn at the southern boundaries of the City and along the edges of today's Ford Lake. It is not uncommon, today to hear older members of the community state to the City Council that their land dates back to "the French Claim."

Major Robert Rogers, famed in New England as a frontiersman and Indian fighter, came to Detroit and swore allegiance to the *habitants.* He would rule them in the name of England -- as long as they would behave like Englishmen. Nearby Indians wondered why he didn't just kill them all.

In 1761 King George owned Michigan, and as far as the English were concerned, the many tribes of Indians already inhabiting that 'wilderness were invisible. Only the skins of saleable animals held any value to the new tenants of the land. Indians, interestingly enough, inhabited the exact same productive land areas with a population parallel to today's.

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Plumbing & Heating
310 North River 487-1510

CROSS STREET ANTIQUES
33 East Cross

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Although Pontiac is often called a 'chief' today, he was actually not recognized as such by his contemporaries. Pontiac was an articulate and angry man with a clearer view of the Michigan situation than most people of his time. He saw clearly that the Indian country and the seaboard colonies could not coexist. He led a war party to the fort at Detroit to convince them to his point of view, but lacking any real authority, succumed to a security leak at the Fort. The seige failed; his plan for trickery was found out; the Brits were frightened, but warned.

In early international politics, it seems the Indians may have been more astute than the British and French at that time. The colonies were in revolt against the King's troops in Philadelphia, but only the Indian woods messengers seemed to have heard the distant noise. *Habitants* along the Michigan waterways continued to plow their fields in ignorance of the revolution formenting in the east. The Revolutionary War came and went without great notice on the part of most of the few white residents of Michigan.

In 1805 Congress began to debate the issue of admission of the Michigan Territory to Statehood and the first line of demarkation was drawn from the top of Wayne County to the bottom of Lake Michigan. One of the southern-most towns in this proposal was Panama, where Superior Township lies, today. It stretched from Depot Town to Dixboro and as far east as Nankin Mills. If that first proposal had passed, downtown Ypsilanti would be in Ohio, today.

George Rogers Clark navigated the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers and struck out to the north via the Wabash. The British saw this as an unsettling omen and destroyed their settlement at Michilimackinac, moving to Mackinac Island where they built one of the first true fortresses in American. John Jacob Astor encouraged settlers to trade for goods with his newly formed and highly profitable American Fur Company.

Consequently, three Frenchmen poled up the Huron River and created their own claim to high profits with what came to be called Godfroy's Trading Post in 1809. The impressive building boasted some brick construction and a great view of the former Indian gathering ground which is today's Riverside Park in Ypsilanti. The edifice was destroyed by fire in 1820 and the local news held an account by Romain de Chambre who claimed to have smelled kerosene at the site of the fire. Local historians place the structure somewhere behind what is now the Detroit Edison office and a brick from the Trading Post is on exhibit in the Ypsilanti Historical Museum just a few feet to the north.

At the same time, another Indian, Tecumseh (a recognized chief), faced-off with William Henry Harrison at Ontario's Fort Malden and at the Raisin River, near Monroe.

In 1812, the biggest battle of the area took place between actual navies constructed just for the occasion in Lake Erie the summer before. Just twelve miles off the coast of Toledo, Oliver Hazard Perry met the French fleet near Put in Bay at Middle Bass Island and declared, "We have met the enemy -- and they are ours."

In 1822 a fort was built at Saginaw and the commanding major was down with malaria while one of his enlisted men wrote that the area was fit only for "Indians, muskrats and bullfrogs." Nevertheless, in 1836, a road was built from Detroit to Pontiac, a railroad was enroute from Toledo to Adrian and another railroad was begun from Detroit to Ypsilanti. Not many years later, cartoonist Walt Kelly had one of his Pogo characters declare, "We have met the enemy -- and they are us!"

With so many chemicals removed from these peninsulae, 1980 saw the once-powerful auto industry on its knees, plants closing and settlers moving to the southern portions of the United States where they could be employed by the same companies - but without the union benefits they had previously known. In 1987, Michigan emigres were returning from the Sun Belt to take advantage of another of the State's resources: water. Soon the swamps could be dry and all that will be left is the daylight. Maybe.

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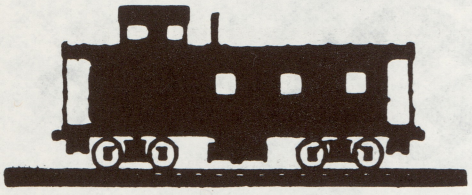
For additional information, Call Congressman Bill Ford's Office -722-1411 or Committe Member Bonni Rosen-Fine - 482-3463

Arts Directory Seeks Depot Town Attractions

The "Directory of Michigan Touring Attracitons" is a guide for booking entertainment and educational programs. The fourth edition (to be published in August 1987, effective February 1988 through January 1990) will feature music, theater and dance plus exhibition and film attractions. Three-thousand copies will be distributed at no charge to arts organizations, theaters and auditoriums, school and college, cities, parks and recreation department, museums, galleries, churches, libraries, clubs, hotels, etc. There is no charge to performing artists, visual artists, and visual arts organizations for alisting in the directory. The application deadline is April 1, 1987.

Write-Touring Arts Agency, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 West St. Andrews, Midland, Michigan 4860-2695, 515/631-5930



D.T.A. 19 February 1987

Minutes of January meeting were approved. They will no longer be read at the monthly meetings, just approved. Read yours on your own from the monthly Rag.

Treasurer Eric Ward will soon return to graduate school and Judith Monaghan has been appointed to 'shadow' his job and take over the duties when Eric leaves.

Treasurery:

Total	**10192.49**
General	**5488.94**
Rag	**(712.30)**
Jazz	**5552.38**
Caboose Rehab.	**30.00**
Halloween	**32.78**
Billboard	**(467.24)**
Boomer Days	**53.93**
Merchants	**214.00**

Artists from the district have organized as a subdivision of the Associaiton with Helen Bunch as their spokesperson with plans to sponsor three yearly shows, aid in Heritage Festival exhibits and hold an 'open studio' event. The fifteen artists at their first meeting represented painters, printmakers, sculptors, ceramicists and jewelers.

Signage: House Speaker Gary Owen wrote the director of the Department of Transportation regarding the long-promised State signage (printed elsewhere in this issue).

More Signs - Meadows suggested another 'welcome' sign for the Follet House. Lighting plans continue for the west-facing sing.

Boomer Days is set for July 10, 11, 12 with Bonni Rosen-Fine as chair seeking tie-ins with the Merchants Committee, Engine Club, Huron River Days and more. $500 budget approved.

Huron River Days will focus on the entire river basin from its headwaters to Lake Erie with events all along the waterway on Sunday, July 12.

Great Train Race again approved as a fund-raiser for Heritage Festival on Sunday, August 23. Gary McKeever will chair this event which is certified by The Athletic Congress and draws hundreds of runners each year.

Heritage Festival - Planning sessions are under way for the August 21, 22, 23 event which drew a quarter of a million people last year. Many decisions being made re: Artrain, Quilt Show, Arts & Crafts, liquor $1 million liability. All are invited to participate in the weekly 4:30 Thursday session at the Chamber of Commerce.

Chessie Cat prints were donated to DTA by Engine Clubber Charles Goff. DTA will pay the cost of matting and printing by River Art Works and exhibit them in various places in the district (see related article).

Rag Report - Cross Street Antiques and Peddlers path have joined our list of loyal sponsors. President McKeever will contact sponsors for their obligations soon.

NIFTY (New Initiative for Tourism in Ypsilanti), a neighborhood promotional package from DTA, will be presented for the first time Tuesday, February 24 at Paponetti's Pasta for EMU's Community Interpretation group run by Gabe Cherem.

Memorial Day, May 25, will see the annual parade stop at the Cross Street Bridge. Engine Club will sponsor its first tail gate swap meet. Meadows seeks hog roast, balloon ride and other events. Other summer weekend promotions are in the works for 1987 and 1986.

Governor James Blanchard cannot attend August Depot events, but offers to send a delegate in his palce.

Chamber of Commerce 'After Hours' at Aubree's Second Floor was one of the best attended in a year. Many Depot Towners met the Chamber for the first time. Sandee French is an excellent hostess for such events.

Jazz made over $4500 from February 14 concert, the first 2 a.m. show to be held in the series. A steady capacity crowd enjoyed music from Ypsilanti, Detroit and Chicago. March 14th's show will follow the same dance party format. Many new volunteers helped meet the demands of the longer format.

Danny Hoffman, Fifth Ward City Council candidate, thanked individual members for their support in the primary race.

Youth Awards from Congressman Bill Ford's office will be represented by Bonni Rosen-Fine (see related piece).

Best Yet Awards -

1. Carolyn McKeever for her entreprenurial jazz spirit for the good of the block.
2. Lynn Radtke and Jim MacDonald for their new sign and awning.
3. Charles Goff for the donation of the historic Chasapeake and Ohio Railroad prints.

The Golden Goose Award to Professor Malarky's Ray Machine which was assembled incorrectly and made everything come out backwards for the month of February.

Depot Doo
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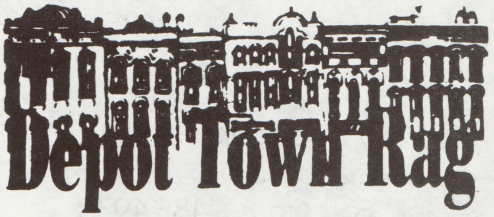
Mr. James Pitz, Director
Department of Transportation
Transportation Building
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Mr. Pitz:

Last summer my staff person, Kirk Profit, met with a member of your Jackson District Office at Ypsilanti City Hall to discuss signs for Depot Town. As of this date, no signs have been erected and we have received no work on when they will be forthcoming. Would you please have your staff investigate this matter and advise me, as soon as possilbe, as to the status of this project. I would think that by now the signs should be in place!

Thank you in advance for you prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
GARY M. OWEN
Speaker of the House
State Representative
22nd district



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Fought a Duel With Potatoes!

One of the most remarkable duels which was ever fought in this country was between Elder Lawton, a traveling preacher, and Pat Cusick, a troublesome local character. Pat created a disturbance at one of the meetings held by the elder and the latter publicly rebuked him. Whereupon Pat sent a challenge to mortal combat to the preacher. Lawton accepted and, being the challenged party, had the choice of weapons. He selected half a bushel of large potatoes. At the duel everybody in the settlement turned out to witness the fun. Lawton threw the first potato and it struck his opponent and fell to pieces. A loud shout of delight went up from those around, which further intensified Cusick's much ruffled feelings, and his potato went wide of the mark. The elder watched his chances, and every time his opponent stooped for a potato another one hit him with terrific force in the ribs. The fellow received five doses in this way. Then a sixth tuber hit him in the short rib, and he lay on the grass doubled up with pain and groaning "Enough."

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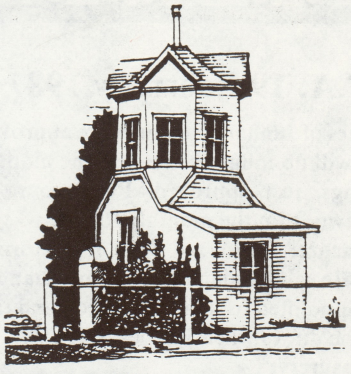
48 East Cross 482-8785

- - - Like a Chessie Cat!

That's how DTA officers were grinning when Charlie Goff presented them with 'original prints' of the 'Chessie Cat and Kittens' at January's meeting of the Depot Town Antique Engine Club. The popular logo of the Cheapeake and Ohio Railroad glides through Depot Town on almost every freight train, but now the color lithographs for the original design are hanging in The Old Caboose for the close persual of the entire neighborhood. Artfully framed by Paul Fetters at River Art Works, the three collectors' items and the following introduction are displayed. Art, cat and train lovers will enjoy this elegant presentation.

Chessie



The Story of Chessie and Chessie as a Kitten

It is a pleasure to present this portfolio of the famous Chessie Portraits - Chessie herself, Chessie and her Kittens and Peake, "Chessie's Old Man." Each is a reproduction of a copper-plate etching by Guido Gruenewald, well-known Viennese artist of the 1920's and '30's.

A lover of animals, Gruenewald was especially fascinated by cats and kittens. Using the difficult technique of copper-plate etching, he produced many prints of his family's pets in amusing poses and delicate colors. One of them, showing a sleepy kitten in bed, was seen in 1933 to advertise the comfort of its new air-conditioned sleeping cars.

An advertisement reproducing the etching with the slogan, "Sleep like a Kitten," appeared in the September issue of "Fortune" magazine that year. Chessie, as the kitten soon was called, appeared the following year in the first of a continuous series of Chessie Calendars.

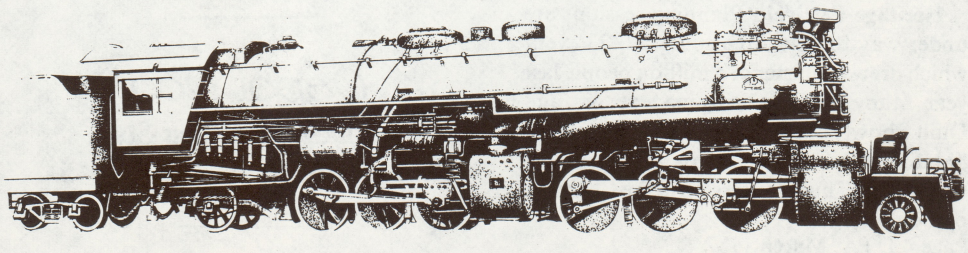
Chessie's fan mail reached movie-star proportions. Requests for her picture poured in from every part of the world. Many admirers even sent her gifts, ranging from catnip mice to crates of oranges and cantaloupes. Because of the month in which she first appeared in the C&O advertisement, the postman brings many birthday cards to her each September 1.

The Chesapeake and Ohio is now affiliated with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. In, 1972, the partners adopted "Chessie System" as a new short-form name, and Chessie is still hard at work now as the symbol of careful, attentive railroad freight service.

Chessie System asked the artist's daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Plochberger, of Vienna, to tell Chessie's many friends about her father. This is her story:

> *Guido Gruenewald, painter, etcher, was born in 1881 in the Adriatic port of Trieste. His father, Cornelius Grenewald, was a well-known landscape painter. Guido showed artistic talent very early. When his family moved to Vienna, he enrolled at the Academy of Fine Arts and intended to make painting his lifetime vocation. However, financial troubles forced him to take a job, and for many years he was only able to paint as a hobby.*
>
> *Only when he reached the age of forty was he able to devote more time to the arts. He became interested in the graphic arts, especially copper-plate etching, which involves not only etching each color plate by hand, but also reproducing each print on a hand press.*
>
> *He did mostly animal etchings, especially cats. Living in the suburbs, he always had his house and garden full of kittens.*

Unfortunately he died at an early age, only 54. He was the last of many talented painters by the name of Gruenewald. His daughter, his only child, did not inherit his talent.



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(Mar. 16-22) with the Ypsilanti Food Co-op and win a $20 gift certificate to the natural foods store. The Co-op is sponsoring a baking contest on Mar. 21, and all entries and recipes used should be delivered to the Co-op at 312 N. River, Ypsilanti, by 11 a.m. on that day. The entries will be judged by the Co-op's board of directors between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Recipes needn't be original, but entries must be baked with all whole grain flours, vegetable oil, margarine, or butter (no animal fats) and without refined sugar. Contestants must provide at least 12 servings.

For more information, call 483-1520.

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Big Flap Over Body Shop
Sobbrys Take Over

Few new building owners have come into the block with more hoopla than the Sobbry brothers when they made their serious offer to buy the City Body Shop. The City planning department turned out in full force to impede their progress and even some of their new neighbors had reservations about their continuing a body shop in that long-neglected property. One neighbor even went so far as to step on the Sobbry's tape measure to inhibit their finding facts about the buildings they wanted to purchase.

Others, however, proved to be more helpful. Jack Miller, in his testimony before the Zoning Board of Appeals, said, "I fully support any worth while plan for this property or any other area of Depot Town, but in view of the fact that there are no other buyers with plans for the property other than to operate it as a body shop, I feel that the deck is being stacked against the owners of City Body in their efforts to sell the property. It would be foolish to have it vacant and run down."

Such sentiment saved the day for the brothers who operate an excellent facility near Milan. Local boys, the brothers grew up just a block from Depot Town, and will soon close on the property and begin their efforts on the historic buildings and garages. The hoopla must not have been too debilitating - Scott and wife Jewell were on hand at the February Jazz Concert to sell tickets for the D.T.A. Now *that's* the way to start out in Depot Town.

Jim MacDonald's Antiques
Apple Annie's
Vintage Clothing
29 East Cross • 481-0555

Significant Signage

Few new examples of signage in the district have caused such positive comment as that flush-mounted sign board at 29 East Cross proclaiming "Apple Annie's & Jim MacDonald's." It is truly a professional and distinctive piece of lettering in the old tradition of wall-mounted boards on the facade's floor cornice.

The red, white and grey color scheme will be repeated in the new awning and both will have to be covered over next spring, when the remainder of the building is painted grey from the sign board to the third floor cornice.

As some neighborhood wag said while watching the gorgeous sign being erected, "That's a nice relfection on the neighborhood."

Ypsilanti's Farmers' Market
in historic Depot Town

March Calendar

Display - "Food, Nutrition & You"

3/7 "All About Michigan Beans" information and examples 9-12

3/14 St. Patrick's Craft Show 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

3/21 "Home Gardening? Here's Help" 9-12, program at 11 a.m. by Project Grow

3/28 "Alternatives to Home Toxics" demo by Ypsi Recycling 9-12

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